

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Welcome back to Franciscan after what was hopefully a restful and enjoyable break. The children worked really hard last term and they enjoyed taking part in the Christmas performance.

This term our topic is '**Time Detectives**' and children will be learning about the past. They will identify some similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods and sort objects from 'then' and 'now'.

We will continue to give out homework each week and so we would like to remind parents that children should be completing their homework independently with support given when necessary. We will continue to hear your child read regularly in class and will give them a new reading book to take home every week, which they should bring into school **every day**. It would be helpful if you could set aside 10 minutes each day to hear your child read. **Please make a comment** in the reading record that reflects how your child has read. Please remember to sign and date it.

This is an exciting time in your child's education and they will need our support throughout the year. We feel that it is essential that we work together in partnership! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come and see us and we will do our best to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gurdas and Mrs Kirwan

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The children will be continuing to learn about their rights as a child

Value of the month

Values for this term are as follows:

- January – Commitment**
- February – Consistency**

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD

- Read everyday.
- Practice spellings regularly.
- Visit the library.
- Write a daily diary at home
- Practice times tables (2s, 3s, 5s and 10s)
- Write a book review



PHYSICAL EDUCATION -DANCE

In our school, we encourage all children to be active, fit and healthy. We have PE every week and children will not be allowed to participate without the appropriate kit.

PE kits should include:

- Plimsolls or trainers
- Red t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy jogging bottoms or leggings.

Children should bring their kits at the start of every half term and take them home at the end.

YEAR 2 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

- Mon 15th Healthy Living Week
- After School Clubs start
- Wed 17th Athletics Competition
- Thurs 18th RE Day

February

- Thu 8th Chinese New Year Assembly@9.30
- Fri 9th Inset Day—School Closed
- Half term** **12th -16th February**
- Mon 19th School Open to Pupils
- Week Beginning 26th - Book Week

March

- Thurs 1st World Book Day
- Mon 12th Last Week of Clubs
- Thurs 22nd **Parents' Evening 4-8pm**
- Thurs 29th **LAST DAY OF TERM** (Own clothes day)
- If any of these dates or times change we will endeavour to inform you as soon as possible.*

HOME TIME

School finishes at 3:15pm. Could you please ensure that you let the class teacher know when you collect your child, if somebody else is picking up your child.

If we have not been informed then we are unable to let your child go home until we call you.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out every Friday, please ensure they are returned the following Tuesday. Spellings will be set as part of the homework. Please practice these regularly (not just once) to give children the best chance of learning them for their test!